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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06148.0026-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Richard D. BUCHOLZ et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3737  
Serial No.: 09/832,848 ) Examiner: E. Mantis Mercader  
Filed: April 12, 2001 )  
For: SURGICAL NAVIGATION )  
SYSTEMS INCLUDING )  
REFERENCE AND )  
LOCALIZATION FRAMES )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED  
APPLICATION PAPERS AND PETITION TO CONTEND  
ALLEGED OMISSION OF A DRAWING FIGURE**

In response to the communication of June 25, 2001, Applicants submit an Abstract for filing in the above referenced application and a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby petition to contend that Figure 13E, as described in the specification, was in fact submitted along with the application papers filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 12, 2001. Fig 13E, shown on the lower half of Drawing Sheet No. 18, appears on the same sheet as Fig. 13D. The label delineating Fig. 13E was inadvertently left off the drawing originally submitted with the application papers. A copy of Drawing Sheet No. 18, with a correction indicated in red,

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is enclosed herein. Also enclosed is a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt. Applicants note the postcard receipt does not explicitly list Fig. 13E since the label for Fig. 13E was missing; however, the postcard receipt does provide evidence that Drawing Sheet No. 18, which contains Fig. 13E, was in fact included with the originally submitted application papers.

According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), the required fee payment of \$130.00 for consideration of this petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION**

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

We are forwarding herewith a copy of a Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application. As indicated in ink on the attached copy, there is an error in the Filing Receipt. The error is the omission of a portion of the Domestic Priority Data. The missing data should read: --and Serial No. 08/319,615, filed October 7, 1994, now abandoned, which is a Continuation-In-Part of 08/053,076, filed April 26, 1993, now abandoned--

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It is respectfully requested that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued as soon as possible.

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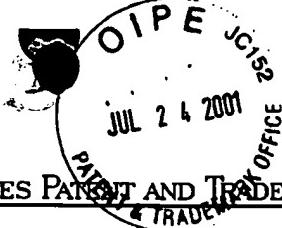
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLICATION IS A DIV OF 09/105,068 06/26/1998  
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## Foreign Applications

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**PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

**NEW** Divisional Application of: Richard D. BUCHOLZ et al.

Serial No: Unassigned Group Art Unit: 3737

(Divisional of 09/105,068)

Filed: Herewith Examiner: E. Mantis Mercader

For: SURGICAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS INCLUDING  
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**DOCUMENTS FILED:**

1. New Divisional Application Transmittal Sheet (4 pages)
2. Complete Copy of Prior Application (57 Pages), including 55 Claims (5 Indep.), 19 Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3-10, 11, 11A-C, 12A-B, D, G, E, F, 13J, 13A-D, 13F-I), and Declaration (9 Pages);
3. Preliminary Amendment; and
4. Deposit account 06-0916 debit for \$870.00 (\$710 filing fee, \$160.00 for add'l claims).

**Dated: April 12, 2001**

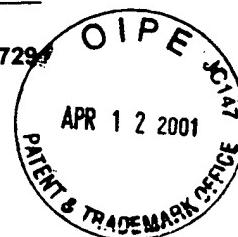
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**NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 13E described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must be filed within TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date **must be filed within TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b)**. In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original

application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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